

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2022**

WORKSHOP:

A Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Workshop was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Ave., Fontana California. Chair Glass called the Workshop to order at 6:01pm. Vice Chair Valles and Secretary Ahumada were present.

The Regular meeting agenda was reviewed.

Acting Director Daniel Schneider provided Commissioners with a list of Community and Human Services Commission assignments; recommended that he meet with Chair Glass to reorganize the list of areas and that an email would be sent out to the Commission so that they could reply back on which programs they are most interested in covering.

Acting Director Schneider briefed the Commission on the New Business item Co-Sponsorship Applications; asked the Commission to approve and recommend the events be moved to City Council for approval; asked Commission if they had any questions regarding the Co-Sponsorship process or applications.

Community Services Manager Wright announced the return of the City's Farmer's Market which will be held at two separate locations: Sundays at Fontana Park and Thursday nights at Southridge Park.

Workshop adjourned at 6:05pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Chair Glass called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Chair Glass, Vice Chair Valles, and Secretary Ahumada.

Absent: Commissioner Quintana.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Vice Chair Armando Valles.

PLEDGE:

The Pledge was led by Secretary Ahumada.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Recognition: Germaine McClellan Key - Former Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner.

Commission and staff recognized former Secretary Germaine McClellan Key for her five years of service to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Chair Glass thanked City Clerk Key for her mentorship and friendship.

Vice Chair Valles congratulated City Clerk Key on her new role.

Secretary Ahumada thanked City Clerk Key and wished her well on all future endeavors.

City Clerk Key thanked staff for all the mentoring and assistance that she received during her five years with the Commission.

B. May is Older Americans Month

Community Services Supervisor Doug Johnson mentioned that Mayor Warren and the City Council had proclaimed May as Older Americans Month; spoke about the number of activities, programs, and volunteer opportunities that the Fontana Senior Center has to offer to help the senior population stay engaged in the community; also mentioned the number of resources and referrals that are available to promote a healthy lifestyle.

C. May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Community Services Coordinator Jasmine Sarsadias spoke about mental health and mentioned that City Council has proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month; thanked the Commission for allowing the acknowledgment and mentioned the support from Kaiser Permanente and a community grant which helped Healthy Fontana focus on mental health this year through programming. Coordinator Sarsadias provided a quick public service announcement video regarding mental health and provided the public with resources such as "Fontana Walks", "Free Community Garden Workshops" and two new "Farmers Market" locations.

D. May is Water Safety Month

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar recognized May as National Water Safety Month; provided the public with national stats and encouraged the public to learn basic water safety and life savings skills. Supervisor Farrar invited the public to attend the Water Safety Challenge at Fontana Park and recited the "Safe Swimmer Pledge".

E. Special Events Update March 2022

Community Services Supervisor Bianca Morales provided the March Special Events Update; spoke about-upcoming events such as the “Fontana Car Show”, “Fontana Days Parade”, “Poolside Concert at Fontana Park” and the “Special Needs Resource and Family Fun Day”.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No public communications were received.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Chair Valles inquired on consent calendar Item A as follows:

- Use of last names for Secretary Ahumada.
- Clarification on chair appointment.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Valles, seconded by Chair Glass, and passed by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Consent Calendar (AYES: Glass, Ahumada, and Valles NOES: None; ABSENT: Quintana; ABSTAIN: None)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the March 24, 2022, meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Approve the March 2022 Activities Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CO-SPONSORSHIPS CYCLE 1- ORAL REPORT

Community Services Supervisor Bianca Morales provided staff report.

Commissioner Valles asked for clarification regarding the allocation of value and in-kind services and the funding for in-kind support.

Supervisor Morales and Acting Director Schneider made clarification on the number of in-kind services.

ACTION: Motion was made by Secretary Ahumada, seconded by Vice Chair Valles, and passed by a vote of 3-0 to review, accept, and file staff report. (AYES: Glass, Ahumada, and Valles; NOES: None; ABSENT: Quintana; ABSTAIN: None)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Valles requested an established policy regarding memorials within city boundaries and asked for clarification on signage at local city parks; commented on all the local events which he attended such as the “Fontana Car Show”, “Inland Empire 20th Annual Pastor’s Breakfast”, “Fontana Walks”, and the “Extravaganza at Fontana Park”. Vice Chair Valles wished all mother’s and his mom a happy Mother’s Day and wished his mom a speedy recovery.

Secretary Ahumada thanked staff for their presentations; mentioned that she is looking forward to the summer events.

Chair Glass mentioned that she attended the “Fontana Walks” and “Easter Events”, and thanked staff for their presentations. Chair Glass also thanked, Senior Administrative Aide Harriet Myers, and Acting Director Schneider for their assistance as she takes on her new role as Chair of the Commission, and lastly, congratulated City Clerk Key on her recent appointment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Acting Director Schneider thanked Vice Chair Valles for the Mother’s Day reminder; announced, Matt Ballantyne as the City’s new City Manager. Acting Director Schneider congratulated City Clerk Key on her 5 years of service to the Commission and wished her luck on all her future endeavors. Acting Director Schneider also thanked staff for their presentations; mentioned he attended both the “Community Garden” and “Earth Day Events”; thanked both Community Services Coordinators Sarsadias and Jordan Gionet for putting on great events.

Community Services Manager Wright wished all mothers a happy Mothers’ day; reminded the public that registration is open for all 8 summer camps. Manager Wright also thanked staff for their presentations and made the public aware of upcoming events.

Community Services Manager Samples talked about the new summer brochure and reminded everyone to look out for it in the mail; reminded the public about open registration for camps and mentioned the return of Concerts in the Park.

Public Works Manager Dan West mentioned park clean up events will be resuming; and gave several park improvements updates.

Manager West provided clarification to Vice Chair Valles comment regarding park signage and suggested putting up more signs if needed; confirmed that no formal policy exists for street memorials and explained Public Work’s process for maintaining the memorial if it is in the right of way.

Vice Chair Valles suggested the city develop a policy for street memorials and research what other neighboring city are practicing;

Manager West will research other city's existing policies; speak to upper management and will keep Vice Chair posted on his findings; lastly Manager West wished his wife and all the mothers a happy Mother's Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the next meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Ashton R. Arocho, MMC
Deputy City Clerk

THE FORGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 26th DAY OF MAY, 2022.

Germaine McClellan Key
City Clerk

